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CAPITAL UNCALLED 6,000,000
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TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1905.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND.....

Sterling Reserve.....\$10,000,000

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J. R. M. SMITH,
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Hongkong, 17th May, 1905.

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BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be

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INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION,

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1905.

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....Sh. Tael 7,000,000

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M. HOMANN,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1905.

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COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above

Company are prepared to accept First

Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at

CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1905.

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FISCAL AGENTS OF THE UNITED STATES
IN CHINA, THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AND
THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS
AUTHORIZED.....GOLD \$10,000,000
CAPITAL PAID UP.....GOLD \$ 3,250,000
RESERVE FUND.....GOLD \$ 3,250,000

HEAD OFFICE:

NEW YORK.

LONDON OFFICE:

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LONDON BANKERS:

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF

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UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LTD.

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BRANCHES AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE
WORLD.

THE Corporation transacts every Description

of Banking and Exchange Business, receives

Money in Current Account and accepts

Fixed Deposits at Rates which may be

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CHARLES R. SCOTT,
Manager.

20, Des Voeux Road,
Hongkong, 26th May, 1905.

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE

OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896

Shanghai Tael.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....5,000,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....2,500,000

Head Office—SHANGHAI.

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CANTON. PENANG.

CHEFOU. SINGAPORE.

HANKOW. TIENTSIN.

PEKING.

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Bills of Exchange drawn on the above

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Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

1/2 per annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.

4 1/2 " " " 6 " "

5 1/2 " " " 12 " "

E. W. RUTTER,
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Hongkong, 6th January, 1905.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE

HOLDERS.....£800,000

RESERVE FUND.....£875,000

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ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per

annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

" " " 6 " " 3 1/2

" " " 3 " " 2 1/2

T. P. COCHRANE,
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Hongkong, 18th May, 1905.

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FROM

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Hongkong, 28th March, 1905.

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FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL ON REMARKS.

SHANGHAI..... { NUBA } About 2nd } Freight and
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LONDON, &c..... { MALTA } June 3rd, } See Special
R. A. Peters. Noon Advertisement.

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L. S. LEWIS, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1905.

Intimations.

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Hongkong, May 11th, 1905.

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CONNAUGHT HOUSE,

Hongkong, 1st July, 1904

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Hongkong, 15th May, 1905.

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HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1905.

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Acting Manager.

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JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K. C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD. THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD. AND THE INDU-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

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S.S. "SAINAM," 588 tons, Captain J. Wilcox.
 "NANNING," 569 tons, " C. D. Burchard.
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FARES: Canton to Wuchow, Single \$15.00, Return \$25.00.

Canton to Tak Hing, Single \$12.50, Return \$21.00.

Canton to Samshui, Single \$7.50.

HONGKONG-WUCHOW LINE.

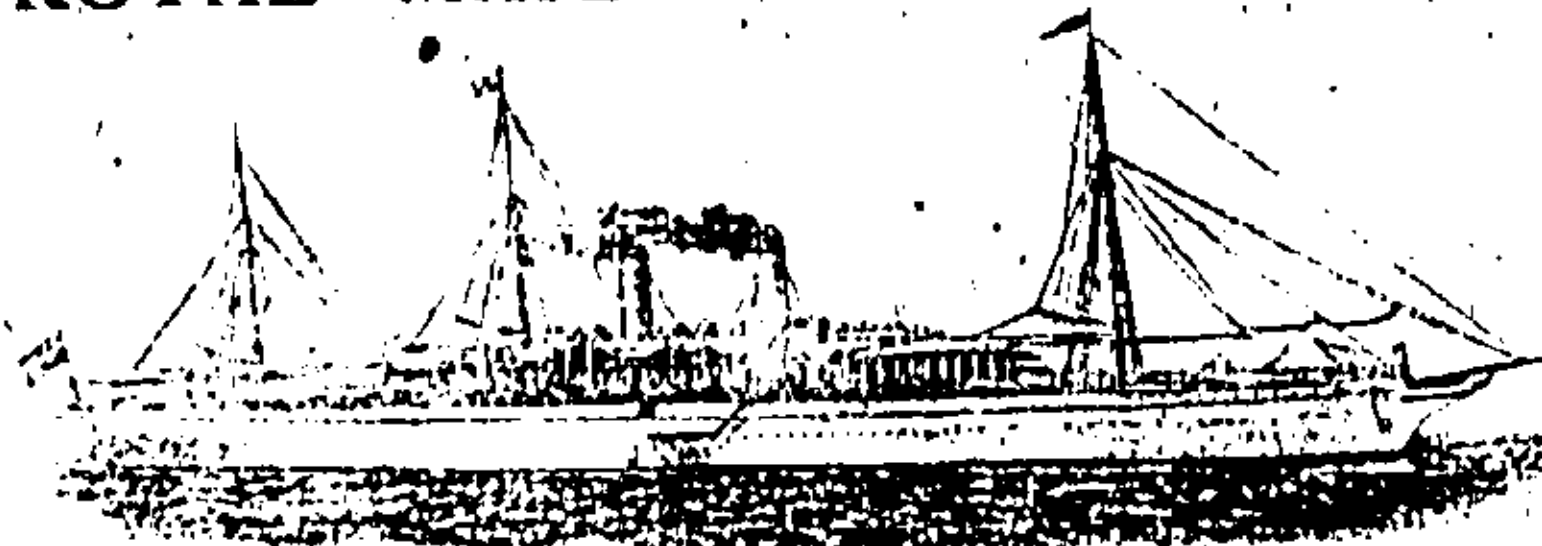
S.S. "LINTAN," Capt. B. Branch. S.S. "SANUI," Capt. H. Black.
 Departures from Hongkong to Wuchow about three times every week, calling at Kunchuk, Samshui, Shiu-Hing and Tak-Hing. Departures from Wuchow about three times every week calling at the same ports.

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 Departures from Hongkong daily (Saturday excepted) at 7 P.M., calling at Kunchuk and Kongmoon. Returning daily (Monday excepted).
 FARES: Hongkong to Kongmoon, Single \$6.00.
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The above vessels have superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Meals charged extra.
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 Hongkong, 26th April, 1905.

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 "EMPERESS OF INDIA," 6,000 tons, WEDNESDAY, 21st June.
 "TARTAR," 4,425 tons, WEDNESDAY, 5th July.
 "EMPERESS OF JAPAN," 6,000 tons, WEDNESDAY, 12th July.
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SENEGAMBIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	30th May.
Jaburg	(Calling at S'PORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	
C. FERD. LAEISZ	HVRE, DUNKIRK, B'MEN & H'BURG.	12th June.
von Hoff	(Calling at S'PORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	
BRISGAVIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	28th June.
Russ	(Calling at S'PORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	
SITHONIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	12th July.
Hildebrandt	(Calling at S'PORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	
ACILIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	26th July.
Schulke	(Calling at S'PORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	
ALESIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	10th August.
Sachs	(Calling at S'PORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	
NUBIA	NEW YORK VIA SUEZ.	5th June.
Habel	with liberty to call at the Malabar coast.	

For further Particulars, apply to—
 HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
 HONGKONG OFFICE,
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 Hongkong, 29th May, 1905.

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 Hongkong, 16th November, 1904.

Mails.

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 PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS;
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 Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
BAVERN	WEDNESDAY, 7th June.
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY, 21st June.
DARMSTADT	WEDNESDAY, 5th July.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 19th July.
SCHARNHORST	WEDNESDAY, 2nd August.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 16th August.
PRINZ BITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY, 30th August.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 13th September.
ROON	WEDNESDAY, 27th September.
BAVERN	WEDNESDAY, 11th October.
GNEISENAU	WEDNESDAY, 25th October.
PRINCESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY, 8th November.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 22nd November.
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY, 6th December.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 20th December.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of June, 1905, at Noon, the Steamship "BAVERN," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain H. Forme, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above. Call at NAPLES and GENOA.
 Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 5th June, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 6th June, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 6th June. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in Measurement.
 The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses. Linen can be washed on board.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to alteration.)

STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
PRINZ SIGISMUND	3,302	TUESDAY, 30th May.
WILLEHAD	4,761	TUESDAY, 27th June.
PRINZ WALDEMAR	3,227	TUESDAY, 25th July.

ON TUESDAY, the 30th May, 1905, at Noon, the Steamship "PRINZ SIGISMUND," Captain D. Lenz, with Mails, Passengers and Cargo, will leave this Port as above. The steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board.

SAILINGS OUTWARDS.

EUROPEAN & AUSTRALIAN SERVICE.

FOR STEAMER ABOUT
 KOBE & YOKOHAMA WILLEHAD TUESDAY, 6th June.
 SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, DARMSTADT WEDNESDAY, 7th June.
 KOBE & YOKOHAMA SACHSEN WEDNESDAY, 21st June.
 SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, SACHSEN WEDNESDAY, 21st June.
 KOBE & YOKOHAMA SACHSEN WEDNESDAY, 21st June.
 NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
 For further Particulars, apply to
 MELCHERS & CO.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 25th May, 1905.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN
REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN JAVA, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

Steamer.	From	Expected on or about	Will leave for	On or about
TJIPANAS	JAVA PORTS	First half June	JAPAN VIA SHANGHAI	First half June
TJILATJAP	JAPAN	Second half May	JAVA PORTS	Second half May
TJIMAH	JAPAN	First half June	JAVA PORTS	First half June

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have Accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands India Ports on through Bills of Lading.
 For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to
 THE HEAD AGENCY
 OF THE
 JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Telephone No. 375.
 ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, 3rd Floor.
 Hongkong, 1st May, 1905.

Intimations.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.
7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.
7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.00 p.m. to 12.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
4.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
4.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
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Intimations.

**WM. POWELL,
LIMITED.**
—ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS—

**LADIES'
DEPARTMENT,**

**A LARGE
AND
VARIED STOCK
OF THE
NEWEST
DRESS
MUSLINS
AND
WASHING
FABRICS.**

**PRETTY
BATHING
DRESSES
AND
CAPS.**

**CHILDREN'S
DEPARTMENT.**

**NEW
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**PITH
HATS.**

**BOYS' & GIRLS'
SANDALS.**

SUITS.

**DRESSES
AND
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TUMES.**

&c., &c., &c.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Wm. POWELL, Ltd.
HONGKONG

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1905.

Intimations.

**HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, on SATURDAY, the 3rd of June, at Noon, in accordance with Article 101 of the Company's Articles of Association for the purpose of considering the desirability of the dissolution of the Company and for the purpose of passing the following Resolutions, viz.:

1. That it is desirable that the Company may be dissolved and that it be wound up voluntarily.
2. That the General Managers be and they are hereby appointed Liquidators.
3. That the Liquidators be and they are hereby authorised to consent to the registration of a New Company to be named the "PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED" with a Memorandum and Articles of Association which have been prepared with the approval of the Consulting Committee of the Company.
4. That the Liquidators be empowered to sell to the "PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED" the undertaking of this Company at the price of \$200 per share either in cash or shares of the "PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED" at the option of Shareholders of this Company and to enter into all necessary agreements to that effect.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for confirmation at special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated 22nd May, 1905.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

**HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of 5% for the half year ending March 31st, 1905, has been Declared.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be issued on application at the Company's Office on and after SATURDAY, June 3rd, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st to 3rd June, both days inclusive.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1905. [597]

CANTON CUSTOMS.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 73.

TAI SHEK BARRIER.

NOTICE is hereby given that two BEACONS will shortly be placed to mark the Northern edge of the Channel now being dredged across the TAI SHEK BARRIER. As soon as this area has been cleared to a depth of 10 feet at Low Water of Spring Tides, the dredger will commence work in the channel now used by shipping, and vessels will then be required to use the new channel, which will be marked as follows:

Two Beacons each bearing a Red shape and showing a Red light by night will mark the Northern edge of the channel.

Two Beacons, each bearing a Black shape and showing a Green light by night will mark the Southern edge of the channel.

Vessels will know that the old channel across the Taishek Barrier is closed to them when they see that the dredger is at work there, and that the shapes have been removed from the Taishek Beacons and have been placed on the Beacons marking the newly dredged channel.

Vessels are required to go at slow speed when approaching the Barrier and to take every precaution.

J. HOWELL MAY, Harbour Master.

Approved: F. J. MAYERS, Acting Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House, Canton, 22nd May, 1905. [588]

THE FAMOUS "MAD" RAZOR
SHARP LITTLE SHAVES
WEIGHT LESS THAN HOUSEHOLD

THIS DWARF RAZOR has superseded the old fashioned clumsy Razor and by its use Shaving becomes a pleasure. It is manufactured in Sheffield, England, from a special amalgam of steel which makes imitation impossible, and in consequence it enjoys the largest sale of any Razor in the World. Thousands of Testimonials testify that the little "MAB" is the finest shaving implement ever produced.

Will be mailed to any address on receipt of the price (\$2), post free.

To be obtained from THE MUTUAL STORES, WATKINS, LIMITED, and all first-class stores in the Colony.

Sole Agents for Far East, HOWARD & Co., 29, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong. Agents wanted in every port.

For particulars and terms, apply to—

HOWARD & Co.,
Hongkong, 24th November, 1904. [65]

ESPECIAL OLD TOM GIN.
Marshall and Elvy's

Satinette

DOUBLY DISTILLED
AND OF
MATURED AGE.

TO BE OBTAINED FROM—

THE MUTUAL STORES,
Des Voeux Road.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1904. [61]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
TO-MORROW,

the 30th May, 1905, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, corner of Ice House Street,

A QUANTITY OF
**GOLD AND SILVER-PLATED
JEWELLERY,**

Comprising—
**BROOCHES, WATCH CHAIN CHARMS,
ROLLED GOLD WATCH CHAINS,
WATCHES, RINGS, PERFUMERY, &c.,**

ALSO
**10 FORTUNE TELLING SAVINGS
BANKS.**

TERMS—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, 29th May, 1905. [602]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE,
of
**VALUABLE LEASEHOLD
PROPERTY,**

situate at Caine Road, Victoria, Hongkong,
ON
THURSDAY,

the 1st June, 1905, at 3 P.M.,
BY
MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer,
at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

THE Premises are registered in the Land Office as Section A of Inland Lot No. 423 and Section A of Inland Lot No. 523 with the Messuage and Buildings thereon, known as "DINDER," No. 51, Caine Road, and contain in the whole 29,138 square feet and are held from the Crown for the residue of the respective terms of 999 years. Annual Crown Rent \$76.65.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to—

EWENS & HARSTON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagee,
or to
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1905. [594]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have been instructed to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
MONDAY,

the 5th June, 1905, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, at their Auction Room, No. 8, Des Voeux Road (corner of Ice House Street)

THE
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,
which is intended to be registered in the Land Office as

SUBSECTION 1 OF SECTION NO. 7 MARINE LOT NUMBER SEVENTY-ONE, IN ONE LOT.

This Property comprises Nos. 84, 86, 88, & 90, Ko Shing Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the Vendor's Solicitors, Messrs. DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON,

1, Des Voeux Road Central, and also from the Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1905. [583]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE,
of
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,
situate at Queen's Road East, in the Colony of Hongkong,

IN TWO LOTS,
ON
TUESDAY,

the 6th June, 1905, at 3 P.M., at the premises,
BY
MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Lot 1.—All that PIECE or PARCEL OF GROUND registered in the Land Office as The Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 270, together with the Messuage and Buildings thereon, known as No. 105, Queen's Road East.

Lot 2.—All that PIECE or PARCEL OF GROUND registered in the Land Office as The Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 269, together with the Messuage and Buildings thereon, known as Nos. 107 and 109, Queen's Road East.

The above premises are held from the Crown for the respective terms of 999 years and are sold subject to a Lease registered in the Land Office by Memorial No. 35538.

Particulars and conditions of sale, may be obtained from—

EWENS & HARSTON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagee,
or
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Dated the 27th day of May, 1905. [605]

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

LI KWONG LOONG,

CABINET-MAKER AND ART DECORATOR,
from Shanghai, has opened a
FURNITURE STORE
at
No. 45, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

The only Shop in Hongkong with this name.

WHERE HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE of every description can be made to order in any design required.

Has been patronised by the Hongkong Club, Hongkong Hotel, Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Joint Telegraphs Co., and other leading Establishments in the Colony, to whom references may be made as to the Superior Workmanship and Materials of the Furniture, &c., supplied.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. write as follows:—

"We have pleasure in stating that Mr. LI KWONG LOONG furnished the Assessor to our Dispensary and gave us every satisfaction."

(Sd.) A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
ORDERS punctually attended to, and CHARGES most moderate.

AN INSPECTION INVITED,
Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [61]

THE INDIAN OCEAN.

A SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION.

A superficial impression has been cultivated on the Continent that research in the lower ocean depths is almost the peculiar appanage of the Prince of Monaco. If any solid basis for such a view ever existed, it has during the past few years ceased to exist. Not to speak of the great "Challenger" Expedition, British investigators have been steadily accomplishing useful if unobtrusive work over thousands of miles of ocean from the Cape and the Mauritius to Torres Straits and Western Australia. Another British research expedition, which has just been equipped and of which an interesting sketch is given in "Nature," will deserve to rank as of the first importance in the annals of oceanography. It is organised under private auspices, but will be conducted in the Admiralty yacht Sealark. The vessel is the latest addition to

THE SURVEY VESSELS of the Royal Navy, and is commanded by Capt. B. Somerville, with whom will be associated, for purposes of scientific work, Messrs. J. S. Gardiner and C. F. Cooper. The expedition was to leave Colombo on April 20. Its objects are to investigate thoroughly the hydrography and biology of the central and western parts of the Indian Ocean which was not visited by H. M. S. Challenger. Since this cruise of the Challenger, which lay south, almost to the fringe of the Antarctic Circle, much has been done to familiarise scientific men with many parts of the Indian Ocean. Ceylon, the East Indies, the waters from the Persian Gulf to the Straits of Malacca, the Laccadives and Maldives, the Madagascar coast, with their numerous islands and banks, and the region of the Seychelles, with their varied marine flora and fauna, have all been more or less brought within the sphere of ascertained knowledge.

EXTENT OF THE CRUISE.

The object of the new expedition is, broadly speaking, to correlate, as far as may be, and to co-ordinate the results of these various preceding and mutually independent expeditions. On leaving Ceylon, the Sealark will first direct her course for the group of coral atolls and submerged banks known as the Chagos Archipelago, of which we have no clear data more recent than 1837, thence, after careful and extensive hydrographical work, to Mauritius in August for store, and from this point to the surface reef of Cargados, and onward along the Seychelles group and Saya de Malha Bank, with a view to setting at rest the question of the depth of the ocean bed from the Mauritius to the Seychelles. Incidentally, it is hoped to glean much interesting information as to the formation of the many coral reefs in these waters. From the Seychelles, after surveying the Agalegas group, the Sealark will proceed to Colombo, leaving, however, the civilian members of the expedition to spend some months in the island. They will not return until January, 1906.

QUESTIONS FOR SETTLEMENT.

Foremost among the scientific results hoped for from the expedition is the determination, by soundings and temperature tests, of such questions as the existence of any relatively shallow banks connecting India with South Africa, or Mauritius with the Seychelles, the mutual relationships of the Chagos atolls, the general ocean changes that may have taken place since the last survey, and the nature of the currents at various depths. For this purpose, the Sealark will be equipped with a special time being collecting information relating to the surface waters in different parts of the ocean. The biological section of the work will include examination, by means of frequent dredging, of the pelagic flora and fauna, not only of the ocean bed and at various depths from 50 to 500 fathoms, but on all parts of the coral reefs visited. In this way it is hoped to obtain some clear idea of the vertical distribution of both animals and plants, and to obtain a definite comparative impression as to the mutual relations of the flora and fauna of the various parts of the ocean, with a view to tracing the former connections of continents and lands.

THE FUNDS.

Money grants for the purposes of the expedition have been made by the British Association and the Balfour Memorial Fund at Cambridge, but the bulk of the expense has been undertaken by the Percy Bladen Trust.

THE NURSE IN PEACE AND WAR.

Everyone believes a Nurse. War Correspondents praise her; those who need her help in Peace trust her implicitly. Hence the following words from a trusted and intelligent hospital helper, Nurse Brailsford, of Horsforth, near Leeds, England, are worthy of attention:—

"In the course of my long experience," said the Nurse, "I have met with many cases in which Dr. Williams' pink pills have proved a boon to sufferers. I recall one case in which this medicine effected a remarkable cure. A young lady had suffered six months from an ulcerated stomach following anaemia. She was as pale as a sheet, and looked as if she had not a drop of blood in her."

"The invalid came to stay with me. She was weak as a kitten, unable to walk many yards without assistance. I had to take her for drives at first to get her into the fresh air. Her digestion was so poor she had to live on liquid food."

"Just before she came to me, her mother had bought her a bottle of Dr. Williams' pink pills, and she began to take them regularly. As she seemed entirely bloodless, she could not do better than take a medicine which makes new blood. These pills are just what anemic girls require. After a few days, she began to drink milk and eat solid food. Slowly but surely she regained her appetite. Her stomach became stronger, and, as it was able to retain solid food, she soon gained energy, and was able to walk some distance. The paleness of her face was gradually replaced by a healthy colour. After three months with me, the young lady was absolutely cured. When her mother saw her she exclaimed, 'I never saw a girl so much improved in my life.'"

Dr. Williams' pink pills were the sole means of her cure. I can vouch for the fact that she took no other medicine."

Whole families sometimes fall victims to anaemia—men are not exempt. Dr. Williams' pink pills supply rich red blood to the starved veins and quickly banish many of the weakness and pains that afflict the weaker sex. But they are equally valuable for men, having cured indigestion, anaemia, palpitations, bile, nervous depression, sciatica, rheumatism, paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, and nervous disorders. Genuine pills bear the full name, Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people. If pestered with substitutes, it is best to go to another shopkeeper, or, in case of doubt, send two shillings and ninepence for one bottle or thirteen and ninepence for six bottles, to Dr. Williams' medicine Co., Holtham-viaduct, London. [59]

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 5 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd proximo, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th inst., at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1905. [586]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"ZIETEN"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 o'clock THIS AFTERNOON.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 30th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 5th of June, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1905. [5]

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"ABERLOUR,"

Captain Barnet, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st June will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 1st June, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1905. [592]

Dr. Williams' pink pills were the sole means of her cure. I can vouch for the fact that she took no other medicine."

Whole families sometimes fall victims to anaemia—men are not exempt. Dr. Williams' pink pills supply rich red blood to the starved veins and quickly banish many of the weakness and pains that afflict the weaker sex. But they are equally valuable for men, having cured indigestion, anaemia, palpitations, bile, nervous depression, sciatica, rheumatism, paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, and nervous disorders. Genuine pills bear the full name, Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people. If pestered with substitutes, it is best to go to another shopkeeper, or, in case of doubt, send two shillings and ninepence for one bottle or thirteen and ninepence for six bottles, to Dr. Williams' medicine Co., Holtham-viaduct, London. [59]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"PALMA,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex S.S. Macedonia.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 5 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd proximo, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

T. S. LEWIS,
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th May, 1905. [52]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE,"

Captain G. E. Warner, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th inst., at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1905. [586]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

Intimations.



A. S. WATSON & CO.,

LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D.
1841.WINE AND SPIRIT
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ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

SHERRY.

The following Brands are recommended
as high-class Wines of superior quality.

- B. SUPERIOR PALE DRY, Dinner
Wine, Green Seal Capsule \$12.00
- C. MANZANILLA, PALE NATU-
RAL SHERRY, White Capsule 13.50
- CC. SUPERIOR OLD PALE
DRY, NATURAL SHERRY,
Red Seal Capsule..... 16.00
- D. VERY SUPERIOR OLD PALE
DRY, Choice Old Wine, White
Seal Capsule 18.00
- E. EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD
PALE DRY, Very Finest Qual-
ity (old bottled), Black Seal
Capsule 27.00

"D." AND "E." ARE FAVOURITE
WINES ALL OVER THE FAR EAST,
AND ARE SPECIALLY RECOM-
MENDED.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,

LIMITED,

ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS

Hongkong, 20th May, 1905.

JOHN ROBERTSON & SON, LD.

J. R. D.

WHISKIES WHICH WE SELL

HAVE BEEN AWARDED

GOLD & SILVER

MEDALS,

AT THE

CAPE TOWN INDUSTRIAL

EXHIBITION.

DOES THIS PROVE OR NOT THAT

WE SELL ONLY THE BEST?

GREGOR & Co.,

WINE MERCHANTS,

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1905.

BIRTHS.
On 8th May, at Chenchow, S. Hunan, the wife of the Rev. CHAS. H. DEAR, A.P.M., of a daughter (Kath. Augusta).

At Shanghai, on the 20th May, the wife of D. HAIMOVITCH, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.
On 29th March, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, Kensington, by the Rev. Canon Allen Edwards (cousin of the bridegroom), assisted by the Rev. R. Holmes, M.A., REGINALD NOBLE TRUMAN, of Tientsin, China, eldest son of Matthew Robinson Truman, of Ealing, to ESME THURSTON, elder daughter of Richard R. Dunlop, of 58, Avonmore Road, West Kensington, London.

On 12th May, at Brentford, FRANCIS FELIX, second son of the late Major-General John Fraser Raper R.A., to GRACE ETHEL, third daughter of the late Captain Alexander Day Harris, of Shanghai, China.

On the 17th May, at Singapore, F. H. MALCOLM STAPLES, eldest son of Lt. Col. F. Staples, (retired) former Chief Constable Stockport, Cheshire, to BEATRICE KERSHAW WALKER, eldest daughter of H. Kershaw Walker, Esq., of Regent's Park, London.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 29, 1905.

THE PLAGUE.

The official notifications of the number of plague cases reported in the Colony from day to day is evidence enough that the visitation of the disease this year has been a mild one, and the observations of H.E. the Governor at the meeting of the Legislative Council last week that it is noteworthy that there has been during the last six years a diminution year by year in the general death rate of the Colony, which, in 1904, was the lowest recorded, should go a long way to disprove the assertion that the plague continues to claim many victims in the Colony. We have noticed of late that several journals have been giving prominence to the recurrence of sporadic cases of plague while they appear to have gone out of their way to avoid referring to the general character as to the mildness of the disease. At the time of writing the last report to hand is up to and including noon to-day when the return of cases since the beginning of the year showed a total of ninety-eight. For the same period of 1903 there were no less than 935, while the first five months of last year showed a total of 182 cases. We cannot, of course, expect to be entirely free of the disease for some time; in fact, not until many of the insanitary and filthy dwellings in the crowded quarters of the City have been demolished and reconstructed on approved sanitary principles. With this end in view the Government is voting an annual sum of money for the redemption of these insanitary areas beside taking other important preventive measures. That the work has been meeting with success is evident to those who follow the weekly returns and compare them with those issued during the corresponding periods of last year and the previous five years. It is far from being in the best interests of the port for journals, on finding that one or two plague cases are reported, to jump to conclusions and publish news of a serious outbreak of plague while, as a matter of fact, the disease shows every indication of a most satisfactory decline on the number of cases recorded.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.I.H. PRINCE Hiro Yasu of Fushimi arrived at Seoul, Korea, on the 23rd May.

MAJ.-GENERAL Leonard Wood, U.S. Army, arrived by the U.S. transport *Harford* to-day.

Mr. Eizo Ishioka, formerly of the Formosan Government, is appointed the Director of Civil Administration of the portion of Manchuria under Japanese occupation.

THERE is a chance for a job for those marine officers who hold Japanese certificates as the Osaka Shosen Kaisha is now wanting their services in several of the Company's steamers.

It appears that the Japanese steamer *Maiko Maru* was only 20 miles from Newchwang when she struck the mine which sank her in eight minutes. All on board were saved by the *Aikwa Maru*.

WE learn that the premises of a well-known European firm in the Colony have been entered by burglars, but as the matter is now under investigation we are requested to refrain from publishing the particulars.

WRITING from Macao, under Saturday's date, our special correspondent says: The s.s. *Caillie* (late *Wuchang*) left here shortly before 10 o'clock this morning; the Portuguese cruiser *Adamastor* following in her wake until well out of Portuguese territorial waters. The *Adamastor* then returned to her anchorage off Taipa.

A WIRE from Osaka, dated 23rd inst., and printed in the *N. C. D. News*, says:—A European telegram says it is reported that the Russian colliers would appear to have been allowed to assemble within territorial waters of the Philippine Islands, and the squadron appears to be coaling somewhere along the coast near Manila.

SINCE the proposed revised regulations for registration of trade marks have been sent in by the foreign Ministers concerned the Wai-wu-pu handed the same to the Board of Commercial Affairs to further revise the regulations. The revision made by the Powers are not much different from the original and the matter will soon be settled.—*The Universal Gazette*.

THE RIVAL FLEETS.

Captain Bourdon, of the s.s. *Ernest Simons*, which arrived here from Yokohama; via Shanghai last night, reports that, when leaving Woosung on the 26th inst., there were four Russian colliers and three cruisers there.

Captain D. Lenz, of the s.s. *Prinz Sigismund*, arrived this morning from Moji, which port he left on the 24th inst., and reports that at 6 a.m. on the 26th inst., he passed a Russian cruiser of the Volunteer fleet, a black steamer with three masts and two funnels, lat. 29.38 N., and long. 124.21 E. The *Prinz Sigismund* passed quite close to her, but was not stopped.

Captain Knagg, of the s.s. *Gibraltar*, which arrived in port last night from Moji, with 5,000 tons of coal for Hongkong, reports that on the evening of the 23rd inst., when about 50 miles S.W. of the Goto Islands he was stopped by the Japanese cruiser *Manikū*, and an officer boarded her and examined his papers. These were found satisfactory and the *Gibraltar* was allowed to proceed without any further delay.

NAVAL NOTES.

U. S. SQUADRON.

Cavite, May 25.—Some days ago your correspondent was given the information, from a seemingly authentic source, that the battleship squadron would leave for Hongkong on the 24th inst. It now transpires that the *Rainbow* will be the only vessel to visit Hongkong for some time to come. The stay of the battleship squadron at Cavite is indefinite. The Cavite naval yard has commenced the repairs on the *Ohio*, and she will not go to Hongkong to be fitted as a flagship as was expected.—*Cable News*.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

Before Mr. F. A. Hazeland this afternoon the case was resumed in which Tang Fuk, Coroner's clerk and third clerk at the Magistrate's, was charged with the embezzlement of \$50, the property of the Government.

Thomas Hammer, chief clerk at the Magistrate's, continuing his evidence, said he did not think it proper for the sheriff to advance money to any member of the staff; neither did he think it proper for any member to use bad language to subordinates. He had had trouble with the defendant since he came to this office, but he did not call it "friction." When he wanted him to do things defendant had said to witness that it was not his duty, but that of the coolies. He could not remember exactly what it was he wanted defendant to do, but could not swear it was not in connection with chits, or with witness's private chits. Witness believed defendant to be guilty of the present charge. He first formed that opinion when he found the money was not in his drawer. Defendant did not say to witness that the money was in the drawer. He thought he put the question, but if Mr. Phelps said he put it witness would consider that he himself was mistaken. Witness told defendant to open his drawer; he did not remember Mr. Phelps asking for the keys. Witness was not quite sure if he had related everything that occurred in first conversation on the matter with the defendant, and he had repeated all that took place at the second conversation. Pressed by Mr. Looker, witness said he knew of no fact in defendant's favour which was brought to his notice, and which would suffice to acquit him. On the afternoon of the 17th the sheriff told witness that he "remembered that the defendant had paid him \$30 some time previous," or words to that effect. Witness then said it was nothing to do with him and that defendant could do what he liked or thought proper in the matter. Witness had not mentioned that fact before in connection with the case, because he had not been asked about it. He did not suppose he was there to suppress facts favourable to the defendant, and to give evidence only in favour of the prosecution.

Mr. Looker: Then, answer my questions, and do not fence with me, but tell the truth as you know it, Mr. Hammer.

Witness said he told Mr. Morell about it, but he asked him nothing about it. Witness did not think that the fact of the sheriff's speech would necessarily be important evidence in the defendant's favour, but it might be. The case was subsequently adjourned.

SANITARY BOARD.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board to-morrow afternoon the members will consider a minute by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon reporting a case of anthrax in the Kennedy Town Cattle Depot. Application will be made for a modification of the requirements of sections 180 and 188 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903, in respect of the proposed new Hongkong Hotel premises. Also for a modification of the requirements of section 180 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903, in respect of seven European houses on Inland Lot 193, and application for a modification of the requirements of section 185 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903, in respect of No. 104 Des Voeux Road Central.

WHILE we do not object, and have never objected, to fair quotation from articles in *The Times*, accompanied by full acknowledgment of the source from which they are taken, the wholesale appropriation of our articles and telegrams in their entirety is, says that journal of the 15th ult., becoming so common that proceedings will be taken against those who adopt this course without permission, whether with or without acknowledgment.

At 1 p.m. yesterday a Chinese coolie was taken to No. 7 Station with a badly smashed foot, caused, as he stated, by being run over by a tram-car. On examination it was found that the second toe of the left foot had been completely severed, while the big toe of the same foot was crushed. He was so badly injured that Inspector Collett had him immediately removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where, as he learned later, part of the man's foot was amputated. The man said that he was knocked down and run over by a car, but the motorman of that car said that the coolie was taking a truck along the lines at Des Voeux Road West, and though the former kept sounding the gong the latter would not get off the lines, and so the car was stopped, but did not strike the truck nor the man. A Chinaman standing by when interrogated by the police said the car struck the truck and knocked the coolie down, and the car went over his foot. Another bystander stated that when the man was knocked down it was his own truck which ran over him. The matter is under investigation.

QUESTION OF PARTNERSHIP
BEFORE THE COURT.

His Lordship the Chief Justice, Mr. F. T. Piggott, sitting in the Supreme Court this morning, heard an action brought by Messrs. John D. Hutchison & Co., merchants of Queen's Road Central, against O Yik Tong to recover the sum of \$3,696.87, being the value of goods supplied.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., (instructed by Mr. R. Harding, of Messrs. Ewens and Harston) appeared for the plaintiff firm, and Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C. (instructed by Mr. C. F. Dixon, of Mr. J. Hastings' office), represented the defendant.

Mr. H. E. Pollock explained that the claim was brought by Messrs. John D. Hutchison & Co., merchants of this Colony, for a sum of between \$5,000 and \$6,000 for price of goods sold and delivered. The actual amount mentioned in the claim is \$3,696.87, and the ground upon which the plaintiffs sought to make the defendant liable was that he was a partner in the Hang On firm. The defendants had formally declined to admit the supply of the goods by the plaintiffs to the Hang On firm, but Counsel thought the substantial question they were in Court to decide was whether or not the defendant was a partner in that firm.

Mr. Sharp intimated his agreement, and Mr. Pollock, continuing, said that this morning they had received a letter from the other side suggesting that really the only substantial question for his Lordship to decide was one of partnership, and they had suggested that in the event of judgment being given against the defendant on that point there might be a consent to an account being drawn up by the registrar. Plaintiffs were willing to adopt that course, and were prepared to deal with the matter before his Lordship simply upon the question of partnership. The Hang On firm was in existence for only about a year, from December, 1903, to December, 1904, and had since put up its shutters and gone into bankruptcy, with Mr. W. H. Wakeman official receiver. Plaintiffs would be able to produce before his Lordship two books of account belonging to the Hang On firm, which were seized and taken into the Registry at the time of the bankruptcy. Each of them contains an entry under date as follows "23rd January, 1904. Received from O Yik Tong his share money \$4,500," and in connection with those entries Counsel referred his Lordship to what he thought was rather a special provision of the law of evidence in this Colony. In the Evidence Ordinance No. 2 of 1889, section 26, and sub-section 1, there was a provision the effect of which was that it made books what one would ordinarily call corroborative evidence, or, in other words, they were accepted by the Court as corroborative evidence whenever they refer to a matter into which inquiry is being made although alone they would not be sufficient evidence to charge any person with liability. Counsel proceeded to outline the evidence he intended adducing, mentioning the production of the books in question, the calling of a witness formerly employed in the Hang On firm who would speak as to the managing partner of the firm having said that the man in question was a master and could be supplied with goods without being charged, and also the evidence of a Mr. Pacheco, a solicitor, at Macao, who saw the man some time ago and by whom he was advised about purchasing goods of the firm from their branch at Macao. Mr. Pacheco had since written that, owing to ill-disposition, he was unable to attend the Court that morning. Counsel said that having regard to the importance of his evidence it might be possible that he would have to ask for an adjournment of the hearing. He then proceeded to call his evidence, the first witness being the Official Receiver, Mr. G. H. Wakeman.

The case was subsequently adjourned.

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER
RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

GOVERNOR'S CUP.

Following is the result of the competition for the Governor's Cup at 200 yards for the month of May, 1905. Sixty-three entries; the principal scores put in being as follows:—C. E. H. Beavis 62 + 8 = 70, A. MacKenzie 62 + 6 = 68, W. H. T. Davis 55 + 12 = 67, H. T. Wilgess 50 + 15 = 65, A. Brooke Smith 45 + 20 = 65, J. Parkes 64 + 8 = 64, A. C. Newington 54 + 10 = 64, Hon. F. H. May 57 + 6 = 63, G. L. Duncan 57 + 6 = 63, W. E. Wic-bam 53 + 10 = 63, Capt. Barnes-Law, 42 + 20 = 62, C. Collier 50 + 12 = 62, Sir Henry Berkeley 50 + 12 = 62, J. H. Pidgeon 61 + 8 = 69, W. McKay 47 + 12 = 65, W. A. Farrell 49 + 12 = 61, A. Brown 54 + 6 = 60, L. S. Lewis 46 + 14 = 60, E. V. D. Part 40 + 20 = 60, J. C. Gow 57 + 2 = 59, J. Whittall 55 + 4 = 59, A. Moir 55 + 4 = 59, A. J. Williams 51 + 8 = 59, H. T. Butterworth 50 + 9 = 59, E. A. Irving 47 + 12 = 59, T. P. Cochrane 39 + 20 = 59, W. J. Rattey 58 + 8 = 58, J. J. Strubblings 50 + 8 = 58, G. H. May 46 + 12 = 58, W. G. Wijnbergen 49 + 8 = 57, J. C. Peter 54 + 2 = 56, R. E. O. Bird 50 + 6 = 56, F. Maxwell 46 + 10 = 56, P. N. H. Jones 43 + 12 = 55, W. Goodfellow 54 + 8 = 54, L. G. Bird 48 + 6 = 54, Allan Cameron 46 + 8 = 54, J. Rankin 44 + 10 = 54, W. Dobbs 42 + 12 = 54, F. D. Goddard 24 + 30 = 54, W. L. Carter 49 + 4 = 53, L. A. M. Johnston 47 + 6 = 53, J. Douglas 43 + 10 = 53, O. E. Thomas 49 + 24 = 53, G. Stewart 42 + 10 = 52, J. D. Auld 42 + 10 = 52, C. N. W. Kew 37 + 15 = 52, E. Dougherty 47 + 4 = 51, C. H. Grace 35 + 16 = 51, J. Gray Scott 31 + 20 = 51, and H. E. Goldsmith 31 + 20 = 51. Mr. G. E. H. Beavis will hold the Governor's Cup for the month of June and also wins one of the *China Mail* Cups.

POOL COMPETITION.

Forty entries were received for the Pool competition on Saturday, the principal cards being as follows:—J. McCubbin 57 + 13 = 70, W. H. T. Davis 56 + 10 = 66, A. MacKenzie 56 + 10 = 66, E. W. Terrey 53 + 12 = 65, C. Collier 53 + 12 = 65, J. C. Gow 62 + 2 = 64, J. Whittall 58 + 4 = 62, G. L. Duncan 56 + 6 = 62, W. Goodfellow 61 + 8 = 61, R. Dougherty 57 + 4 = 61, J. Hutchings 44 + 16 = 60, E. Phillips 59 + 8 = 59, J. C. Peter 57 + 2 = 59, Dr. Koch 49 + 10 = 59, J. H. Pidgeon 58 + 8 = 58, W. J. Rattey 58 + 8 = 58, J. J. Strubblings 50 + 8 = 58, G. Stewart 42 + 10 = 52, T. P. Cochrane 39 + 20 = 59, F. D. Goddard 24 + 30 = 54, Hon. F. H. May 47 + 6 = 53, W. H. Wickham 43 + 10 = 53, and J. Douglas 43 + 10 = 53.

There will be no shooting on Saturday next, but the King's Park Range (500 yards) will be open from 2 to 6 o'clock on Saturday, the 20th, 21st and 24th June.

NEW R. C. CHURCH
OPENED AT KOWLOON.

Prompted by the special need of the Catholic community at Kowloon, and the honour he owed the memory of his late parents and sister, Dr. A. S. Gomes decided upon erecting a Roman Catholic church on the other side of the harbour and presenting it to the community. Particulars of the handsome edifice have already been published in these columns and it is almost needless to add that there were crowded congregations at the solemn blessing of the church yesterday. Morning services were held at 7.30 following which the Rev. Fr. de Maria, assisted by Rev. Fathers from the Italian Mission, French Procurator and Spanish Procurator, blessed the church. This concluded, the Rev. Fr. de Maria read the Papal commission conferring the knighthood of the illustrious and most distinguished Order of St. Gregory the Great on Dr. A. S. Gomes, donor of the church, and Fr. de Maria made a short address, in the course of which he said the intended jubilation had been abandoned owing to the Church at Hongkong being in mourning, and to Dr. Gomes being also in mourning.

Subsequently the Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada delivered the sermon basing his remarks on the text: "I have sanctified this house, which thou hast built; to put my name there for ever, and my eyes and my heart shall be there always."—3 Kings, XIV. 3. He said:—The august ceremony which has been just performed of the blessing of this magnificent edifice, erected for the worship of the true God, reminds me of the fact that when Solomon inaugurated the temple of Jerusalem, God, in order to show how pleased He was with the work and its dedication, sent a fire from heaven which consumed all the victims offered, and twice as shining and majestic cloud appeared, thus announcing that God was present there in a special manner. The Catholic Church preserves the custom of blessing and consecrating solemnly the edifices destined for worship, in order the better to impress on the souls of her children the great respect which is due to the house of God, where He himself deigns to stay to receive his children and to dispense to them the riches of his love. For these reasons our churches are more holy and more worthy of respect than the old temple of Jerusalem. What great mercy and condescension on the part of God to choose a place to stay with us really present, not only for a little time but permanently, day and night, in the Holy Tabernacle where He is under the sacramental species. It is in this holy place that God more especially receives all and gives Himself to all, and though He is the King of glory nevertheless, He adapts Himself to our circumstances. He does not show His splendour in order not to keep away from Him anybody but that all may come to Him freely and expose to Him their necessities. Henceforth in this holy place the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered every day, here the Holy Victim will obtain for us the forgiveness of our sins and the abundance of the divine favours. "I have sanctified this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever, and my eyes and my heart shall be there always," saith the Lord. But besides having here with us the Holy Eucharist, the principal treasure of our faith, we will have the statue of the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, whose image dominating the church, will remind us of her tenderness, her love and her benefits. The church is dedicated to her under the title of "Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompey," so called from the place where of late the devotion of the Rosary has greatly increased and where the Blessed Virgin designed to intercede for her faithful children, performing numerous miracles. The central statue of the group represents our Lady who gives the Rosary to St. Dominic. You know that this is an allusion to the fact of the revelation approved by the Church authorities, that St. Dominic, the illustrious founder of the Dominican Order, learned directly from the Most Blessed Virgin, who appeared to him, the manner of reciting the Holy Rosary. The other statue represents St. Catherine of Siena, the glory of Italy, whose life has been very eventful for the Church on account of her splendid and supernatural deeds. One chapel is dedicated to St. John the Baptist, the holy precursor of our Lord and also the special patron of the neighbouring colony, on account of the great favours obtained through his intercession. The other chapel is dedicated to the great St. Anthony the Thaumaturgus of Padua, for whom you have a special devotion and confidence. It is with great pleasure that I announce to you that in this Chapel from to-day will be established the wonderful work called "The Bread of St. Anthony" which I already recommended to your piety and I hope by the grace of God and the intercession of the Saint that this work will flourish and will spread abundant benefits to the poor. All you who come to this holy place remember the holy treasures of our faith here enclosed and always come with great respect and humility so that your conduct may render you worthy to stay in the house of God, in His holy presence. Come often to assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come to ask God, the Blessed Virgin and the Saints for your necessities and for those of your relatives and friends. Come to receive with due dispositions the Holy Sacraments, to hear the word of God, the light, direction and guide in the way to heaven. Thanks be to God on the 10th of December last with special ceremony we celebrated the laying of the foundation stone of this beautiful church our precious acquisition, which is such a short time has been built and which does great credit to Mr. Bird of Messrs. Palmer & Turner. At that time we were celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin to whose honour the church was to be erected, and to-day in the beautiful mood dedicated to her, we have the great pleasure of seeing it already blessed and inaugurated. Our ardent wishes of having an edifice more spacious and more becoming are realized. And now penetrated with the most profound gratitude I deem it a duty for me to publicly thank in the name of the Mission as well as in the name of the Catholic Community of Kowloon, the generous donor, Dr. Antonio Simplicio Gomes, who caused the church to be built at his own expense as a lasting testimony of his devotion towards the Blessed Virgin. His Holiness Pope Pius X. having received information of this gift as well as others given before for charitable purposes wished to show his sovereign approbation and to acknowledge the merits of our benefactor by creating him a Knight of the illustrious Order of St. Gregory the Great. We congratulate him on this well-deserved honour, and we pray to God and to the Blessed Virgin to give him a better recompense in heaven. To you also who have spontaneously offered, as well as to those who wish to offer to the new church your special gifts for its furniture and whose names will be published afterwards, I present my heartfelt thanks and over you also I ask the blessing of the Lord and the Blessed Virgin.

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
SERVICE.

THE BALTIC FLEET.

BIRILEFF'S APPOINTMENT.

LESSONS FROM PORT ARTHUR.

RODJESVENSKY'S ILLNESS EXAGGERATED.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 27th May,
3 p.m.

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Three years have elapsed since the conclusion of the alliance, and he was gratified to know that English opinion had veered round in its favour; endeavours should be made to strengthen the bond, and without losing the sympathy of the Powers, to bring the war to an honourable conclusion.

Later.

At the dinner of the Japan Society last night, there were enthusiastic cheers whenever reference was made to the Alliance.

Sir Claude MacDonald, the British Minister, said that the aim of the alliance was the maintenance of peace. That peace had not been preserved in the Far East was regrettable, but the localisation of the war and its disasters was due to the alliance.

The allied nations had emerged from the hardest trials during the past three years equally satisfied with the salutary effects of the alliance, which he hoped would be extended not only to the two countries, but to the world at large.

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In reference to the House Tax Award, in Japanese and foreign sections it is equally admitted that while, technically the property-holders may be right in their contention, the equity of the case is plainly on the side of the Japanese. There is a common satisfaction that serious friction has been removed by the enlightened methods of arbitration.

More Cavalry Fights.

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DALLAS COMPANY RETURN

FOR SHORT SEASON.

By the home going French mail from the north the Dallas-Bandmann Opera Company arrived in the Colony and are opening a short season at the Theatre Royal this evening when they stage the popular "Cigale" which met with such appreciation in Hongkong a few months back. Mr. and Mrs. Dallas are now on their way to England and the cast of the play has of necessity been slightly altered, Miss Violet Frampton appearing as *Ninoy* and Mr. Percy Haydn as *Chambuddy Ram*. To-morrow night "The Orchid" will be given, and on Wednesday "The Duchess of Dantzic." Judging by criticisms of the performances recently given by them in the north the Company have been playing even better than they did when last in Hongkong. Writing regarding the performances at Tientsin the *P. and T. Times* says "There is a cordiality and good spirit permeating the troupe which infects all they do with a distinctive charm, and this can only be attributed to the tact and good management of the kindly Manager and the genial consideration of the Musical Conductor and Stage Manager. As one who saw the company in Shanghai, and knows something of the life behind the lights, I can testify that if the excellent bill of fare which they are giving us now had been served up as I saw it in the southern port, I fear they would have lost money."

Mr. Garton has come up here without a guarantee and has thereby demonstrated the truth of what has been repeatedly stated in our columns that a good show needs no guarantee. If I mistake not the company will not leave here with any harder luck than they may encounter from time to time at any of the ports more in the usual track. We are as a community not hard to please; we only demand the best, when it can possibly be obtained, and judging from the good houses of the past week there seems reason to believe that Mr. Garton will not hesitate to visit us again next year with some more up-to-date productions. But good voices, whatever the piece, good voices. The high kick is excellent, and quite the thing, but it is none the less acceptable when it accompanies a tuneful song."

THE "CONFIDENCE" TRICK.

On Saturday afternoon an amah in the employ of a Chinese family living at No. 600, Queen's Road West, was strolling along the road near the Sailors' Home, when she was accosted by two Chinamen who showed her a small bundle tied up in a handkerchief, which they said was \$500 in 1000 notes, and asked her if she would help them to change them into smaller notes and coins. If she assisted them they declared they would give her \$100 for her trouble. Tempted by this alluring bait the woman at once agreed, and offered to go and change the money for them. But then one of the men said that as she was a stranger to them she must leave some security, when she readily stripped off her gold mounted bangles, gold rings, and other articles of jewellery, which she handed over to the men with a small parcel of unset opals, the whole "security" being valued at about \$300. Receiving the bundle from the men which was supposed to contain \$500, the woman went off to a money-changer further along Queen's Road. On arrival at the changer's, she found it contained only an ordinary roll of blank and very dirty note-paper! She went back to where she had left the strangers, but needless to say the birds had flown, and now the police are looking for them, while the woman bewails the loss both of her jewels and her \$300 "commission."

JOTTINGS FROM JAPAN.

The following items have been taken from Japanese papers with dates from Tokio to the 19th, Yokohama to the 23rd, and Kobe to the 21st inst.—Marshall Oyama is taking great care about his health. He has lost 25 lbs. since he left Tokio, and is all the better for it.—H. I. H. Prince Arisugawa has been decorated by the King of Italy in person with the Order of the Annunciation.—The through train service from Tokio to Shimonoseki will be opened in September. From Shimonoseki the Sanyo Railway will have a steamer service to Fusan, and the time from Tokio to Seoul will be reduced to two days and a half.—The death of Lord Grimthorpe made a vacancy at Whitby.—The Japanese authorities at Newchwang have been suppressing by force the pirates who infested the coast of Liaotung.—It is reported that there is a scarcity of fresh water at Vladivostok.—The O.S.K. has started a new steamship service between Osaka and Hankow.—The steamer *Tweeddale* had arrived safely at Yokohama from Rangoon with 4,500 tons of rice.—The *Chuyetsu Maru*, which recently struck a mine off Port Arthur, has been taken to Dairen for repairs.—Coal is getting scarce in Japan.—The tenders for the purchase of the stranded German steamer *Romulus* having been below the Admiralty estimate, fresh tenders have been invited. The British steamer *Sylvana* and Dutch steamer, *Wilhelmina* have been confiscated with their cargoes of coal.—The property and archives of the Korean Legation in London have been transferred to Mr. Pritchard Morgan, Honorary Co. Genl. Consul-General in London.—The *Japan Times* is now an evening paper.—A dispatch from Odessa declares that the paroled crews of the *Varyag* and *Koriet* are serving again in the Baltic fleet, and that 350 of the 527 paroled prisoners taken home by the paroled officers from Port Arthur have been sent to the front to rejoin their regiments.—The well-known Dr. Baels is leaving Japan next month.

HABEAS CORPUS.

RULING BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

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His Lordship held that the Chinese government had no *locus standi* and could not appear before the Court. The case was adjourned, the Chief Justice observing that the Crown would no doubt be represented at the further hearing of the case to argue the points raised.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT AT RESCUE.

A Canton letter states that on the 9th instant while a body of troops encircled the execution ground of Shihwanhsiang (Cantonese Coll. Shekwanhsiang) in the Nambhaihsien (Coll. Nambhai) district of Canton city, where three bandits were about to be beheaded, a number of their comrades suddenly broke through the cordon and carried off one of the doomed men. It so happened that this was not done until two of the three had already fallen under the executioners' heavy two-handed sword. This gave the opportunity for all the troops present to rush after the audacious rescuers. The bandits were too weak in numbers to maintain a successful rear guard fight as it were, with the result that while four bandits were killed outright in the fight the soldiers managed to recapture the rescued man alive and also one of the rescuers. The sentence was then carried out "as previously arranged," with the addition that the man who was taken at the same time was also beheaded.—N. C. D. News.

THE CANTON-WHAMPOA RAILWAY.

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COMMERCIAL.

Shanghai advices, of 24th inst., say:—Business reported:—Farnham, Boyds at Tls. 160 for August. Ewos at Tls. 364. Langkats at Tls. 271 cash at Tls. 230 for June, at Tls. 230 for July, and at Tls. 235 for October. Ices at Tls. 26.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.
London—Bank T.T. 1/10 1/16
Do demand 1/10 1/16
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OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.
To-day's quotations are as follow:—
Malwa New 1,140
" Old 1,180
" Older 1,230/1,260
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Patna New 1,124
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Today's Advertisement.

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Further particulars will be duly announced.

PRICES AS USUAL.

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Plan at ROBINSON PIANO CO.

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Count Katsura on the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

Tokio, 22nd May.
At the dinner of the Japan Society at the Imperial Hotel here, Sir Claude MacDonald in the chair, Count Katsura, the Premier, on behalf of his colleagues, said that the world recognises Japan's desire to confine the war to the original belligerents. Meanwhile, the composed conduct of Japan and the maintenance of the equilibrium of the Powers, are largely due to Anglo-Japanese Alliance, the moral support that this has given since the war began having been exceedingly satisfactory. Three years have elapsed since the conclusion of the alliance, and he was gratified to know that English opinion had veered round in its favour; endeavours should be made to strengthen the bond, and without losing the sympathy of the Powers, to bring the war to an honourable conclusion.

Later.
At the dinner of the Japan Society last night, there were enthusiastic cheers whenever reference was made to the Alliance.

Sir Claude MacDonald, the British Minister, said that the aim of the alliance was the maintenance of peace. That peace had not been preserved in the Far East was regrettable, but the localisation of the war and its disasters was due to the alliance.

The allied nations had emerged from the hardest trials during the past three years equally satisfied with the salutary effects of the alliance, which he hoped would be extended not only to the two countries, but to the world at large.

Japanese Report Successes.

Tokio, 24th May.
It is officially reported that a battalion of Russian infantry and six squadrons of cavalry attacked at 2 p.m. on the 21st inst. the northern height at Chényangpao but were repulsed. A battalion of Russian infantry and two to three squadrons of cavalry marched towards Chienchenze along the Kirin-Taolu road on the morning of the 22nd. Another company of infantry and a squadron appeared on the western height beyond the village. Both were repulsed.

The Russian cavalry which came down from the west of the Liao river commenced to retire early on the 22nd and by five in the afternoon was untraceable.

The House Tax Award.

Tokio, 24th May.
In reference to the House Tax Award, in Japanese and foreign sections it is equally admitted that while technically the property-holders may be right in their contention, the equity of the case is plainly on the side of the Japanese. There is a common satisfaction that serious friction has been removed by the enlightened methods of arbitration.

More Cavalry Fights.

Tokio, 25th May.
It is officially reported that the Japanese have expelled Russian infantry and cavalry from defences which they were erecting at Hsiehou, north of Wiyenpamen. On the morning of the 23rd inst. four squadrons of

tucked Tsao-tun, eight miles north-west of Changtu at noon, but were repulsed. Early in the morning the Russian cavalry west of the Liao retired to the northern Mongolian border. It is stated, but unofficially, that the recent cavalry movement west of the Liao was possibly aimed at the collection of supplies from Mongolia, in view of the paucity in upper Manchuria.

DALLAS COMPANY RETURN FOR SHORT SEASON.

By the home going French mail from the north the Dallas-Bandmann Opera Company arrived in the Colony and are opening a short season at the Theatre Royal this evening when they stage the popular "Cingalee" which met with such appreciation in Hongkong a few months back. Mr. and Mrs. Dallas are now on their way to England and the caste of the play has of necessity been slightly altered, Miss Violet Frampton appearing as *Nanyah* and Mr. Percy Haydn as *Chambuddy Ram*. To-morrow night "The Orchid" will be given, and on Wednesday "The Duchess of Dantzig." Judging by criticisms of the performances recently given by them in the north the Company have been playing even better than they did when last in Hongkong. Writing regarding the performances at Tientsin the *P. and T. Times* says "There is a cordiality and good spirit permeating the troupe which infects all they do with a distinctive charm, and this can only be attributed to the tact and good management of the kindly Manager and the genial consideration of the Musical Conductor and Stage Manager. As one who saw the company in Shanghai, and knows something of the life behind the lights, I can testify that if the excellent bill of fare which they are giving us now had been served up as I saw it in the southern port, I fear they would have lost money."

"Mr. Garton has come up here without a guarantee and has thereby demonstrated the truth of what has been repeatedly stated in our columns that a good show needs no guarantee. If I mistake not the company will not leave here with any harder luck than they may encounter from time to time at any of the ports more in the usual track. We are as a community not hard to please; we only demand the best, when it can possibly be obtained, and judging from the good houses of the past week there seems reason to believe that Mr. Garton will not hesitate to visit us again next year with some more up-to-date productions. But good voices, whatever the piece, good voices. The high kick is excellent, and quite the thing, but it is none the less acceptable when it accompanies a tuneful song."

THE "CONFIDENCE" TRICK.

On Saturday afternoon an amah in the employ of a Chinese family living at No. 600, Queen's Road West, was strolling along the road near the Sailors' Home, when she was accosted by two Chinamen who showed her a small bundle tied up in a handkerchief, which they said was \$300 in \$100 notes, and asked her if she would help them to change them into smaller notes and coins. If she assisted them they declared they would give her \$100 for her trouble. Tempted by this alluring bait the woman at once agreed, and offered to go and change the money for them. But then one of the men said that as she was a stranger to them she must leave some security, when she readily stripped off her gold mounted bangles, gold rings, and other articles of jewellery, which she handed over to the men with a small parcel of unset opals, the whole "security" being valued at about \$200. Receiving the bundle from the men which was supposed to contain \$300, the woman went off to a money-changer further along Queen's Road. On arrival at the changer's, she found it contained only an ordinary roll of blank and very dirty note-paper! She went back to where she had left the strangers, but needless to say the birds had flown, and now the police are looking for them, while the woman bewails the loss both of her jewels and her \$100 "commission."

NOTINGS FROM JAPAN.

The following items have been taken from Japanese papers with dates from Tokio to the 19th, Yokohama the 22nd, and Kobe the 21st inst.—Marshal Oyama is taking great care about his health. He has lost 25 lbs. since he left Tokio, and is all the better for it.—H. I. H. Prince Arisugawa has been decorated by the King of Italy in person with the Order of the Annunziata.—The through train service from Tokio to Shimonoeki will be opened in September. From Shimonoeki the Sanyo Railway will have a steamer service to Fusan, and the time from Tokio to Seoul will be reduced to two days and a half.—The death of Lord Grimthorpe made a vacancy at Whitby.—The Japanese authorities at Newchwang have been suppressing by force the pirates who infested the coast of Liaotung.—It is reported that there is a scarcity of fresh water at Vladivostok.—The O.S.K. has started a new steamship service between Osaka and Hankow.—The steamer *Twisted* had arrived safely at Yokohama from Rangoon with 4,500 tons of rice.—The *Chuyetsu Maru*, which recently struck a mine off Port Arthur, has been taken to Dalny for repairs.—Coal is getting scarce in Japan.—The tenders for the purchase of the stranded German steamer *Romulus* having been below the Admiralty estimate, fresh tenders have been invited. The British steamer *Sylvana* and Dutch steamer *Wilhelmina* have been confiscated with their cargoes of coal.—The property and archives of the Korean Legation in London have been transferred to Mr. Pritchard Morgan, Honorary Co. Gen. Consul-General in London.—The *Japan Times* is now an evening paper.—A dispatch from Odessa declares that the paroled crews of the *Varyag* and *Koriet* are serving again in the Baltic fleet, and that 320 of the 527 paroled officers taken home by the paroled officers from Port Arthur have been sent to the front to rejoin their regiments.—The well-known Dr. Baer is leaving Japan next month.

HABEAS CORPUS.

RULING BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

At the Supreme Court this morning his Lordship Mr. F. T. Pigott gave a preliminary ruling on several points in the matter of Wong Ka Cheung and in the matter of the Chinese Extradition Ordinance. As previously stated in our columns the writ of Habeas Corpus was granted by Mr. Justice Sercombe Smith and Wong Ka Cheung, whose extradition is required by the Chinese Government, was committed by Mr. F. A. Hazeland on May 8th to await the Governor's warrant.

Mr. H. N. Ferrers, instructed by Mr. Otto Kong Sing, appeared for the prisoner; and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. A. Harding, represented the Chinese government.

His Lordship held that the Chinese government had no *locus standi* and could not appear before the Court. The case was adjourned, the Chief Justice observing that the Crown would no doubt be represented at the further hearing of the case to argue the points raised.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT AT RESCUE.

A Canton letter states that on the 6th instant while a body of troops encircled the execution ground of Shihwanhsiang (Cantonese Coll. Shihwanhsien) in the Namhaihsien (Coll. Namhai) district of Canton city, where three bandits were about to be beheaded, a number of their comrades suddenly broke through the cordon and carried off one of the doomed men. It so happened that this was not done until two of the three had already fallen under the executioners' heavy two-handed sword. This gave the opportunity for all the troops present to rush after the audacious rescuers. The bandits were too weak in numbers to maintain a successful rear guard fight as it were, with the result that while four bandits were killed outright in the fight the soldiers managed to recapture the rescued man alive and also one of the rescuers. The sentence was then carried out "as previously arranged," with the addition that the man who was taken at the same time was also beheaded.—N. C. D. News.

THE CANTON-WHAMPOA RAILWAY.

In reply to the contention of the American Concessionaires of the proposed Canton-Hankow Railway that the construction of the Canton-Wampoia Railway is within their concession according to agreement, H.E. Sheng Kung-pao, now in Peking, has declared that this line is not depicted in the plans drawn up by Mr. Parsons and approved of by the Imperial Government. Only railway lines appearing in Mr. Parsons' plans must not be constructed by outsiders, hence the American Concessionaires of the Canton-Hankow Railway have no right to the construction of the Canton-Wampoia Railway by Chinese. This has been communicated to the Waiwupu by H. E. Sheng Kung-pao, and will doubtless be the attitude assumed by the Imperial Government on the question. A private letter from Peking states that H.E. Sheng has succeeded in placing his many enemies in the North, and his way in the future will doubtless be smoother than it has been during the past two years or so.—N. C. D. News.

COMMERCIAL.

Shanghai advices, of 24th inst., say:—Business reported:—Farnham, Boys at Ts. 160 for August. Ewos at Ts. 361. Langkats at Ts. 274 cash for Ts. 230 for June, at Ts. 230 for July, and at Ts. 235 for October. Ices at Ts. 26.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.
London—Bank T.T. 1/10 1/16
Do demand 1/10 1/16
Do 4 months' sight 1/10 1/16
France—Bank T.T. 237
America—Bank T.T. 451
Germany—Bank T.T. 193
India T.T. 1411
Do demand 1411
Shanghai—Bank T.T. 711
Japan—Bank T.T. 921
Java—Bank T.T. 1311
Buying.
4 months' sight L/C 1/10 1/16
6 months' sight L/C 1/11 1/16
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York 461
4 months' sight do 471
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne 1/11 3/16
4 months' sight France 241
6 months' sight " 2421
4 months' sight Germany 1/971
Bar Silver 271
Bank of England rate 21 1/2
Sovereign 1047

OPUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follow:—
Malwa New 1/140
Old 1/180
Older 1/230/1/260
Oldest 1/340
Patna New 1/1121
Repares New 1/180
Patna (Patna) 1/280/1/310.

To-day's Advertisement.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.
Cargo remaining on board after the 1st June, at 4 P.M., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 29th May, 1905. (607)

To-day's Advertisements.

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CITY HALL.

THE DALLAS-BANDMANN
OPERA CO.

RETURN VISIT FOR A SHORT SEASON ONLY.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!
(MONDAY), May 29th,
"THE CINGALEE."

TO-MORROW,
(TUESDAY), 30th May,
"THE ORCHID."

WEDNESDAY, 31st May,
"THE DUCHESS OF DANTZIG,"
Catherine Uppacher, Mlle. Bel Luscombe,
Napoleon I., Mr. Frank Cochran.

Further particulars will be duly announced.

PRICES AS USUAL.

Doors Open at 8.30 P.M. Commence 9 P.M.

Plan at ROBINSON PIANO CO.

F. C. GARTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 29th, 1905. [605]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

TO-MORROW,

(TUESDAY), the 30th May, 1905, at Noon,

at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road,

corner of Ice House Street,

ONE COMPLETE ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT,

(It includes Oil Engine, Dynamo Volt and

Ammeter, Switchboard, Lamp, Fixtures,

Tape and Full Directions for Setting

up and Operating.)

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1905. [609]

POSTPONEMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SALE

of Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8, CONNAUGHT

ROAD WEST, and Nos. 9, 11, 13 and 15,

NEW MARKET STREET, fixed for 31st

May, 1905, at 3 o'clock P.M., is postponed until

further notice.

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Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1905. [610]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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ON

WEDNESDAY,

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ARMY ORDNANCE STORES,

Queen's Road East,

The following Government Stores at the

Arsenal Yard:—

HORSE RUGS, ANCHORS, ONE BAGA-

TELLE TABLE, WHEELS, WAGONS,

HAVERSACKS, LEATHER ACCOUNT-

MENTS, OLD BRASS, GUN-METAL,

COPPER, WHITE METAL, LEAD, IN-

TRENCHING TOOLS, ZINC, STEEL,

CAST, WROUGHT AND GALVANISED

IRON, LEATHER, BLANKETS, SERGE,

TENT DUCK, TARRED AND PLAIN CAN-

VAS, ROPE, DOOSOOTIE, BUNTING,

LINEN, COTTON and WOOLLEN RAGS,

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KEGS, WOOD and PACKING CASES,

&c., &c., &c.

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risk on the fall of the hammer.

All lots to be cleared within 48 hours.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, 29th May, 1905. [608]

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

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FROM NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"DAGHESTAN,"

Captain E. H. Todd, having arrived from

the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are

hereby informed that their Goods are being

landed at their risk into the Godowns of the

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at

Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-

ing undelivered after the 4th June will be

subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are

to be left in the Godowns where they will be

examined on the 5th June at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

